

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

QUENTIN LAGRANDE,

Plaintiff,

1:07-CV-0757
(LEK/DRH)

v.

ALBANY POLICE DEPARTMENT, et al.,

Defendants.

APPEARANCES:

QUENTIN LAGRANDE
Plaintiff, *pro se*

LAWRENCE E. KAHN, U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE

DECISION and ORDER

The Clerk has sent to the Court a second amended complaint filed by Quentin LaGrande ("Plaintiff" or "LaGrande"). Dkt. No. 7. This amended pleading was filed in accordance with the Orders of this Court. See Dkt. Nos. 4 and 6.

In his amended complaint, Plaintiff alleges that the Albany Police Department has a custom and policy of harassing young African -American males by taking repeated actions based upon race, including unfounded traffic stops, surveillance, detention and questioning, as well as telephone harassment. Dkt. No. 7. Plaintiff's complaint sets forth a number of events that he claims is evidence of this custom and policy. Id.

After review of Plaintiff's application to proceed *in forma pauperis*, the Court finds that the application should be granted.

WHEREFORE, it is hereby

ORDERED, that Plaintiff's *in forma pauperis* application is granted.¹ The Clerk shall issue a summons and forward it, along with a copy of the complaint and a packet containing General Order 25, to the United States Marshal for service upon the named defendant in accordance with Rule 4(j)(2) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and it is further

ORDERED, that a formal response to Plaintiff's complaint be filed by the Defendant or their counsel as provided for in the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure subsequent to service of process on the defendant, and it is further

ORDERED, that any paper sent by a party to the Court or the Clerk shall be accompanied by a certificate setting forth the date a true and correct copy of same was mailed to all opposing parties or their counsel. **Any letter or other document received by the Clerk or the Court which does not include a certificate of service which clearly states that an identical copy of same was served upon all opposing parties or their attorneys is to be returned, without processing, by the Clerk.**

Plaintiff shall also comply with any requests by the Clerk's Office for any documents that are necessary to maintain this action. All motions shall comply with the Local Rules of Practice of the Northern District, and it is further

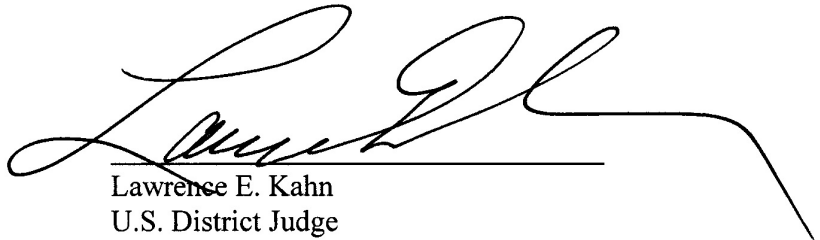
ORDERED, that the Clerk serve a copy of this Order and General Order 25 on

¹ Plaintiff should note that although the application to proceed *in forma pauperis* has been granted, plaintiff will still be required to pay fees that he may incur in this action, including copying and/or witness fees.

plaintiff by regular mail.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: February 26, 2008
Albany, New York



Lawrence E. Kahn
U.S. District Judge